

Special channel for Oriya language

1046. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to start a special channel in Oriya language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total time available in this channel for News; and
- (c) whether the News editing is from Bhubaneshwar or Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have intimated that modalities are being worked out to launch a 24 hour Oriya Programmes Channel on Regional Language Satellite Service (RLSS) from DDK, Bhubaneshwar.

(c) News Bulletins will originate from Bhubaneshwar.

Pending cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

†1047. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases lying pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country;
- (b) the details thereof, court-wise/case-wise; and
- (c) the effective steps being taken by Government for early disposal of outstanding cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating case-wise details of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts is enclosed. (See below)

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government to fill up vacancies of judges, to increase use of Information Technology in Courts, to simplify the procedure and speed up the disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies, like the Law Commission, the Malimath Committee etc. The Minister Law, Justice and Company Affairs has been addressing the High Courts periodically for filling up of vacancies of judges in

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